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Non-payment of allowance to Tamil Pandits in Tanjore district

* 121 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaints have been received by the Government during 1955 regarding the non-payment of the allowance of Rs. 10 per mensem by any aided high school in Tanjore district to Tamil Pandits handling 12 periods in higher forms; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : May I request the Hon. Minister to tell us what we should actually do if in cases of complaints submitted to the Government, information is given to the Hon. Minister that they have not been received?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not here to advise the hon. Member. There are so many ways to bring it to the notice of the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 13th December 1956, from the Governor of Madras :—

"In pursuance of Article 207, clause (3), of the Constitution of India, I, Sri A. J. John, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation for consideration in the Madras Legislative Council of the Madras Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Bill, 1956."

(2) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 20th December 1956, from the Deputy Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

"1. In accordance with rule 114 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 34 of 1956), as passed by the Assembly on the 20th December 1956 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council;

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2. In accordance with rule 114 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1956), as passed by the Assembly on the 20th December 1956 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council; and

3. In accordance with rule 114 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Inams (Assessment) Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 36 of 1956), as passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 20th December 1956 and signed by me for the recommendation of the Council.

I certify that this is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 199 of the Constitution of India.''

(3) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also to announce to the House that Sri John Asirvatham, M.L.C., is the only candidate duly nominated for election to the State Library Committee. As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, namely, one, I hereby declare him duly elected to the State Library Committee.

(4) BILLS ASSENTED TO BY THE PRESIDENT.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have further to announce to the House that the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1956) and the Madras Estates (Supplementary) Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1956), which were passed by the Madras Legislature on the 25th October 1956 received the assent of the President on the 10th December 1956 and have been published as Acts Nos. XXIX and XXX of 1956 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 19th December 1956.

III.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION *RE* RAISING THE STRENGTH OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO 63.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

2-40 p.m. "This House recommends to the Government of India that the strength of the Madras Legislative Council be raised to 63 and that the numbers to be filled by persons elected by the electorates referred to in sub-clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) of clause 3 of Article 171 of the Constitution shall be 21, 6, 6, 21 and 9 respectively."

I do hope that this motion will be accepted unanimously by this House. Several hon. Members have been referring to the need for increasing the strength of this House. As hon. Members are aware, before reorganization of States and before the Constitution (Amendment) Act was passed, the strength of the Upper House could not exceed 25 per cent of the total strength of the Lower House. The strength of the Lower House after reorganization of States is to be 205 and, therefore, according to the old provision,